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(Case No. 99,297)

In the Application of:

Yatvin, et al.

Serial No. 09/993,976

Filed: November 5, 2001

For: Covalent Conjugates of Biologically-Active
Compounds with Amino Acids and Amino Acid
Derivatives for Targeting to Physiologically-
Protected Sites

Before the Examiner:

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION
MAILED OCTOBER 2, 2003

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003. Please amend this application as shown below. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims of this application.

Claims 1-11, 18 and 19 are pending in this application. Claims 12-17 and 20-33 have been cancelled as a result of a previous restriction requirement. The cancellation of claims 12-17 and 20-33 is made without prejudice to the filing of continuing applications. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of the present amendment.